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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 44 and 46-78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 63-78 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 44 and 46-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant amends claims 44 & 48 and cancels claim 45.

Claims 44 and 46-62 are presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 44 and 46-62 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

The fact that the Examiner may not have specifically responded to any particular arguments made by Applicant and Applicant's Representative, should not be construed as indicating Examiner's agreement therewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 44, 46-59 and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wireless Identity Module," 12 July 2001, Wireless Application Protocol, WAP-260-WIM-20010712-a, hereinafter referred to as WIM, in view of Ogasawara (U.S. Pat 4853522 A), hereinafter referred to as Ogasawara.

Re claim 44: WIM teaches a tamper-resistant security device (page 94: "13.2 WIM for Networks Not Utilizing a Smartcard Based SIM; In networks that do not utilize a smartcard based SIM, the WIM can be implemented ... in a tamper-resistant device, other than a smartcard") for use in a user device (page 8: "An example of a WIM

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implementation is a smart card. In the phone, it can be the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card or an external smart card.”) comprising:

memory for storing user credentials, including at least a security key associated with a user of the user device; an Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) module for performing an AKA process with said security key (page 8: “*The WAP Identity Module (WIM) is used in performing WTLS and application level security functions, and especially, to store and process information needed for user identification and authentication. The functionality presented here is based on the requirement that sensitive data, especially keys, can be stored in the WIM, and all operations where these keys are involved can be performed in the WIM.*”);

a hardware communications interface for receiving one or more external AKA process commands from a device external to the tamper-resistant security device and returning processing results performed in the tamper-resistant security device in response to the one or more AKA process commands (Page 8: “*The WAP Identity Module (WIM) is used in performing WTLS and application level security functions, and especially, to store and process information needed for user identification and authentication. The functionality presented here is based on the requirement that sensitive data, especially keys, can be stored in the WIM, and all operations where these keys are involved can be performed in the WIM;*” “An example of a WIM implementation is a smart card. In the phone, it can be the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card or an external smart card. The way which a phone and a smart card interact is specified as a command-response protocol, using Application Protocol Data Units

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(APDU) specific to this application. This specification is based on ISO7816 series of standards on smart cards and the related GSM specifications [GSM11.11], where applicable.” page 17, section 6.1, ¶¶2-¶3; page 18, section 6.2.2).

However, WIM does not expressly disclose a cooperating application, contained within the tamper-resistant security device and having been given access rights to access the AKA module, configured to selectively receive the one or more AKA process commands and selectively provide enhanced security processing of the one or more AKA process commands.

Ogasawara teaches a cooperating application (col 2, lines 37-39), contained within the tamper-resistant security device [Figure 1] and having been given access rights to access the AKA module, configured to selectively receive the one or more AKA process commands and selectively provide enhanced security processing of the one or more AKA process commands (col 2, lines 66-67; col 3, lines 29-37; col 3, lines 55-66; col 4, lines 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the teachings of WIM with the teachings of Ogasawara, for the purpose of authenticating commands prior to granting access; it is known in the art that authentication preceding further actions preempts potential security issues.

The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches an application interface internal to the tamper-resistant security device for interfacing said AKA module and said cooperating application so that the cooperating application performs the enhanced

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security processing in conjunction with the AKA module within the tamper-resistant security device (WIM: page 8: "An example of a WIM implementation is a smart card. In the phone, it can be the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card or an external smart card. The way which a phone and a smart card interact is specified as a command-response protocol, using Application Protocol Data Units (APDU) specific to this application. This specification is based on ISO7816 series of standards on smart cards and the related GSM specifications [GSM11.11], where applicable." Ogasawara: col 2, lines 43-45).

Re claim 46: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches enhanced security processing includes at least one of: pre-processing of at least one AKA input parameter; and post-processing of at least one AKA output parameter (WIM: page 26: section 7.2.4.6; page 31: "Establishing pre-master secret").

Re claim 47: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches enhanced security processing includes encapsulation of said at least one AKA parameter (WIM: page 21: section 7.2.2.1; page 43: section 9.4.6).

Re claim 48: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches cooperating application is configured to receive at least one AKA parameter from said AKA process to generate a further AKA parameter that has higher security than said received AKA parameter (WIM: page 8: "This specification does not define exact requirements for tamper-resistance. Businesses can enforce certain requirements and policies using PKI based mechanisms. Applications should only accept certificates signed by Certification Authorities that are known to fulfill the requirements and policies. PKI functionality

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(including WTLS client authentication with private keys, and WMLScript digital signatures) can be implemented in pure software in normal PDAs or phones, using password protection, encryption etc. However, such implementations cannot be considered as WIM implementations, and are out of scope of this specification. At the same time, service interfaces defined in this specification may be useful for designing internal software interfaces for these implementations.”).

Re claim 49: The combination of WIM and Brown teaches enhanced security processing includes evaluation of a predetermined number of consecutive AKA input parameters for verifying that said AKA input parameters can be used securely (WIM: page 18: “Signature verification by WIM may be used in cases where an application needs verification capability (e.g. certificate or end entity signature verification) but the verification algorithm is not present in the ME, or the verification algorithm implementation is more efficient in the WIM.”).

Re claim 50: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches enhanced security processing further includes combination of a predetermined number of consecutive AKA output parameters generated in response to a number of corresponding unique AKA input parameters (WIM: see various APDU commands: pages 74-78).

Re claim 51: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches means for registration or detection of information representative of security conditions in relation to said tamper-resistant security device; and means for performing security policy

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processing based on said information (col 2, lines 66-67; col 3, lines 29-37; col 3, lines 55-66; col 4, lines 30-35).

Re claim 52: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches the security conditions reflect at least one of an environment in which said security device is operated and a network interface over which a request for AKA processing originates (WIM: page 8: "The Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) is a result of continuous work to define an industry-wide specification for developing applications that operate over wireless communication networks.").

Re claim 53: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches security policy processing includes at least one of a security policy decision process and a security policy enforcement process (WIM: page 8: "This specification does not define exact requirements for tamper-resistance. Businesses can enforce certain requirements and policies using PKI based mechanisms. Applications should only accept certificates signed by Certification Authorities that are known to fulfill the requirements and policies.").

Re claim 54: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches means for performing security policy processing comprises means for selectively disabling direct access to said AKA module (WIM: page 95: "In a typical case, the PIN-G is used to protect all files (which need to be protected) and keys except non-repudiation keys. If the PIN-G is not disabled, the ME must send the PIN-G after the WIM application is selected, in order to be able to use keys and perform other operations that require the

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PIN-G. More precisely, the ME SHOULD do the following when the secure functions are required the first time.”).

Re claim 55: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches tamper-resistant security device comprises means for detecting whether said tamper-resistant security device is operated in its normal environment or in an environment considered insecure (WIM: page 49: “For the WAP-WTLS application there are two predefined SEs with their associated number.”), and said means for performing security policy processing comprises means for disabling direct access to said AKA module when operated in said insecure environment (WIM: page 95: “In a typical case, the PIN-G is used to protect all files (which need to be protected) and keys except non-repudiation keys. If the PIN-G is not disabled, the ME must send the PIN-G after the WIM application is selected, in order to be able to use keys and perform other operations that require the PIN-G. More precisely, the ME SHOULD do the following when the secure functions are required the first time.”).

Re claim 56: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches said cooperating application includes a security enhancing application, and said security device further comprises means for transferring a request for AKA processing directly to said AKA module if said security device is operated in an environment considered secure, and means for transferring said request to said security enhancing application if said security device is operated in an environment considered insecure (WIM: page 74, section 11.3.6.4: “PERFORM SECURITY OPERATIONS”).

Re claim 57: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches cooperating application is performing at least part of the computations in connection with end-to-end key agreement between users (WIM: page 26, section 7.2.4.5: "WIM-KeyAgreement").

Re claim 58: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches cooperating application is masking key information generated by said AKA module (WIM: page 17: "The WIM is used to protect permanent, typically certified, private keys. The WIM stores these keys and performs operations using these keys;" page 18: "Application level security operations that use the WIM include signing and unwrapping a key").

Re claim 59: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches cooperating application is a software application installed in an application environment of said tamper-resistant security device (WIM: page 63: "The WIM application may have to reside on the card with other applications, eg, GSM. It is selected using an Application Identifier (AID) which is a combination of a Registered Application Provider Identifier (RID) and a Proprietary Application Identifier Extension (PIX) [ISO7816-5].").

Re claim 61: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches cooperating application is a privacy enhancing application, which participates in managing a user pseudonym (WIM: page 12: "A tamper-resistant device which is used in performing WTLS and application level security functions, and especially, to store and process information needed for user identification and authentication.").

2. Claim 60 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wireless Identity Module," 12 July 2001, Wireless Application Protocol, WAP-260-WIM-

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20010712-a, hereinafter referred to as WIM, Ogasawara (U.S. Pat 4853522 A), hereinafter referred to as Ogasawara, in further view of Vatanen et al (WO 00/48416), hereinafter referred to as Vatanen.

Re claim 60: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches all the limitations of claim 59 as previously discussed.

However, Vatanen teaches said application is securely downloaded into said tamper-resistant security device from a trusted party (page 4, line 34 – page 5, line 3).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the teachings of WIM and Ogasawara with the teachings of Vatanen, for the purpose of installing authenticate applications on a portable device, as is known in the art.

3. Claim 62 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wireless Identity Module,” 12 July 2001, Wireless Application Protocol, WAP-260-WIM-20010712-a, hereinafter referred to as WIM, Ogasawara (U.S. Pat 4853522 A), hereinafter referred to as Ogasawara, in further view of Miyoshi (U.S. Pat Pub 2003/0074570 A1), hereinafter referred to as Miyoshi.

Re claim 62: The combination of WIM and Ogasawara teaches all the limitations of claim 61 as previously discussed.

However, Vatanen teaches said privacy enhancing application is requesting an AKA response from said AKA module based on an old user pseudonym and for generating a new user pseudonym based on the received AKA response (Fig 5:

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elements "RETURN TEMPORARY INTERFACE ID" and "DISTRIBUTE NEW REAL INTERFACE ID").

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the teachings of WIM and Ogasawara with the teachings of Vatanen, for the purpose of updating access information on portable devices, as is known in the art.

Conclusion

Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the text of the passage taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARREN SCHWARTZ whose telephone number is (571)270-3850. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571)272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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